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Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Vanuatu: revised draft resolution

Cooperation and coordination of the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/70 of 11 December 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation and coordination of the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories, 1/

Aware that, in addition to general problems facing developing countries, the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, many of which are small island Territories, also suffer handicaps arising from the interplay of such factors as their size, remoteness, geographical dispersion, vulnerability to natural disasters, lack of natural resources, shortage of administrative personnel and migration, particularly of personnel with high-level skills,

Recalling resolution 24 (XI) of 22 November 1988, on the Programme of Assistance to Small Island Developing Countries, adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its eleventh session, in which the Committee directed its secretariat to continue to examine the access of the non-independent Caribbean countries to programmes and activities of the United

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Nations system with the aim of identifying areas within that system which could provide technical and other assistance to those countries in the furtherance of their development process, and other resolutions of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,

Mindful of the growing importance that the General Assembly attaches to the contributions of the specialized agencies and the international institutions to the economic and social development of Non-Self-Governing Territories, and the role being played by the United Nations Development Programme and the specialized agencies in that regard,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the specific problems and needs of island developing countries, 2/

Noting that several of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Caribbean may reach net contributor status during the fifth programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme (1992-1996) under the current criteria for the allocation of Programme-funded country programmes,

Recalling also the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, and the plan of action contained in Agenda 21, 3/

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

2. Welcomes the contributions being made to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations and urges them to intensify their assistance to those Territories;

3. Takes note of the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the specific problems and needs of island developing countries, prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, regarding the establishment of a family of indicators of vulnerability of island developing countries; 4/

4. Recommends that the specialized agencies and the international institutions consider the question of the cooperation and coordination of assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories within the context of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary bodies;

2/ A/47/414 and Add.1.

3/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26 (vols. I-V)), chap. I.

4/ A/47/414, para. 95.

5. Welcomes the statements made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme, 5/ and invites other specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations to participate in future debates of the General Assembly on the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, with a view to apprising the Assembly of their development programmes in those Territories and thereby facilitating more informed comments on their work;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to keep this question under review.

5/ See A/C.4/47/SR.3 and 5.